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# SNIPS

## Proposals Sought for 2010 Kentucky Water Quality Funding

Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution, also known as runoff pollution, is the number one contributor to water pollution in the Commonwealth. The Kentucky NPS Pollution Control Program is seeking projects to compete for grant funding in 2010. Grants are available for a variety of NPS pollution control projects that help reduce, mitigate or prevent runoff pollution. Priority is given to projects involving watershed-based plan development and implementation in impaired waters, as well as protection of Special Use Waters (e.g., cold water aquatic habitat, exceptional waters, state wild rivers and federal wild and scenic rivers) with identified threats. Additional information regarding the NPS grant program can be found at [Kentucky NPS Pollution Control Program](#).

## Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases to Begin in December

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently issued the Final Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule. The rule requires reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from large sources and suppliers in the United States, and is intended to collect accurate and timely emissions data to inform future policy decisions. Under the rule, suppliers of fossil fuels or industrial greenhouse gases, manufacturers of vehicles and engines and facilities that emit 25,000 metric tons or more per year of GHG emissions are required to submit annual reports to the EPA. The gases covered by the proposed rule are carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFC), perfluorocarbons (PFC), sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) and other fluorinated gases, including nitrogen trifluoride (NF<sub>3</sub>) and hydrofluorinated ethers (HFE). The final rule was signed by the administrator on Sept. 22, 2009, and becomes effective on Dec. 29, 2009. Additional information can be found at <http://epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html>.

## EPA Collision Repair Campaign

### DCA Programs



Are you doing great things for the environment? Do you participate in voluntary environmental events? Does your workplace go above and beyond regulatory requirements? If you answered yes, then [KY EXCEL](#) is a program for you. [KY EXCEL](#) is a voluntary environmental leadership program where you can meet and interact with Kentucky's environmental leaders.



The [Operator Certification Program](#) trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat and protect Kentucky's water resources.



*The Kentucky Brownfield Program  
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## Underway

The EPA has put together a set of materials that discuss the new area source rules for painting and paint stripping operations. The material is targeted at the automobile body shop sector, which is assumed to be the largest potential source of emissions of all the possible sources affected by the rule. The materials consist of an informational DVD that includes tips on compliance, painting techniques, cost-saving paint usage methods and other helpful advice and a poster with the Internet address for the Collision Repair Campaign. There is also a brochure summarizing the new rules that can be printed from the Internet as needed. For details on the campaign and materials, see

<http://www.epa.gov/collisionrepair/index.html>.

## EPA Soliciting Applications for Environmental Justice Grant Funding

The EPA is accepting grant applications for a total of \$1 million in funding for projects aimed at addressing environmental and public health issues in communities. The EPA expects to award approximately 40 grants of up to \$25,000 each and will accept applications until Jan. 8, 2010. Local governments and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply.

In addition to the traditional criteria, the EPA is encouraging applications that address the disproportionate impacts of climate change in communities by emphasizing climate equity, energy efficiency, renewable energy, local green economy and green jobs capacity building. For information on eligibility and application materials, see

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>.

## Clean Diesel Collaborative Meeting Scheduled

The Kentucky Clean Diesel Collaborative will meet on Nov. 19, 2009. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the meeting will run from 9 a.m. until noon in the auditorium of the Transportation Cabinet's Conference Center, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Ky. This meeting is an opportunity to discover upcoming funding opportunities for clean diesel projects and learn about currently active, successful clean diesel projects in Kentucky, including school bus retrofits and replacements, airport electrification, construction equipment retrofits, idle reduction policy development and more. Slated speakers on the agenda include Melissa Howell, Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition; Gina Johnson, Bell County School District; Erin Vachon, Louisville Air Pollution Control District; Jesse Mayes, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet; and Bill Jacobs, United Parcel Service. Please mark your calendar, and if you are interested in attending, RSVP to [elizabeth.robbs@ky.gov](mailto:elizabeth.robbs@ky.gov).

## Grant Opportunity

Bluegrass PRIDE will be providing funds for community, education

The [Brownfields Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities underrepresented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving "beyond" compliance to environmental leadership.

and educator workshop grants to local governments, schools and citizen groups to improve the quality of their environment. Two rounds of grants will be awarded in the following amounts:

Community grants—\$20,000

Education grants—\$3,000, one grant of \$10,000 will be awarded

Educator workshop—\$2,000

If you would like more information, contact PRIDE's grants administrator, Gene Slusher, at 866-222-1648 or

[Gene@bgPRIDE.org](mailto:Gene@bgPRIDE.org).

## Green Tip for Your Home

Have are two ways to save water. Opt for showers instead of baths since baths use almost twice as much water. In addition, you can save up to five gallons of water a day by turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth.

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